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Today's News - June 5, 2002

Creativity and a little levity for a good cause is always a good mix. That's why Today's News leads with the winners of the 6th Annual International CANSTRUCTION Competition (for obvious reasons, this year's entries and winners incorporate a number of patriotic themes as well). The competition has grown to include 45 cities in the US and Canada, and hundreds of architectural, engineering, and contracting firms (more are always welcome). The giant sculptures made of canned foods resulted in more than one million pounds of food being donated to local food banks.

After the rest of today's important news, additional levity can be found in a lexicon of 50 new architectural terms that comes to us via SPA.net, self-described as the "Non-Essential Update for Small Practice Architects" (ex: glazebasted: Free-range building, glistening with windows). Just what we need...more archi-babble...but at least these will make you smile!

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The Urban Network: A Radical Proposal: A pitch for a new kind of transportation network. By Peter Calthorpe- Planning Magazine

Pieces falling into place for new hotel Downtown ...near the new convention center- Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

After 92 Years, Hollywood May Get Star Billing: Cityhood: may become a municipality independent from Los Angeles for the first time since 1910- New York Times

The shock of the old: There's more to new building in the countryside than retail parks and mock Tudor homes. Jonathan Glancey on the reinvention of the humble barn: Weald and Downland Open Air Museum - Edward Cullinan- The Guardian (UK)

Land use land mines: Communities start to see the reality of growth law that aims for more planning in future land use ...tradition is colliding with the state's 1999 Smart Growth law.- Milwaukee Journal Sentinel

At Least in One Respect, Washington Is a Stable Place to Do Business: Successful office developments are leading to the revival of once-neglected areas...- New York Times

Krylatsky Hills to Get City's First Business Park: prime site and would provide an ecologically friendly and comfortable workplace.- Moscow Times (Russia)

Olympic Bigs Coming to Town for Final Audition: ...before it decides whether the Big Apple will be the nation's choice to bid for the 2012 Summer Games- New York Post

New Census Findings on Increased Commute Time Reflect Impacts of Sprawl (Sierra Club)- Environmental News Network

Planning loses red tape and gains a tax: Developers stand to save about \$360 million a year and home owners should find the rules simplified- Sydney Morning Herald

'Abdali project should attract prime investors: project entails transforming a large sector...occupied by the Jordan Armed Forces and other security agencies, into a modern business district.- The Jordan Times

Parisian Green: A Hint for Us - Apartment living is not all stone and concrete after all! By Neal Peirce- Washington Post

50 new architectural terms for the 21st Century- SPA.net (UK)

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